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**GILROY DIVISION****With Local 890  
FRUIT & PRODUCE DRIVERS,  
WAREHOUSEMEN AND  
EMPLOYEES UNION**

53 West Sixth Street  
(Opposite U. S. Postoffice)  
Telephone 559

To all members employed at the C. B. Gentry plant, Gilroy: On April 19, 1945, the Tenth Regional War Labor Board handed down a modified approval of our recent Form 10 application for wages and vacations. For your information, the following classifications received full approval in accordance with our request:

Car pushers, cleanup men, mill feeders, hand spreaders, grader operators, and gate men, 85¢ per hour; tray dumper, hand case strappers, double seamer operators, filling machine operators and mill room operators, 90¢ per hour; watchmen, 85¢ per hour; fibre board stitcher operators, 85¢ per hour; general millroom workers and gardeners, 85¢ per hour. Conveyor operators, garlic spreader and cleaner operators, tray line operators and slicing machine operators, 90¢ per hour. Loading tray

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Buy Bonds and patronize Union services whenever possible.

**Green Starts  
7th War Loan  
In Appeal to  
Buy E Bonds**

Philadelphia, Pa. With the ringing of the Liberty Bell seven times, AFL President William Green launched the Seventh War Loan Drive in Independence Hall. In a radio talk addressed to the entire nation, he urged workers to buy more Series E Bonds than ever before to make victory certain.

Flanked by distinguished representatives of Government and industry, Mr. Green said:

"The need of the nation is greater than ever before. The cruel war in which we are engaged is calling for the sacrifice of human life. It is consuming all materials, service and contributions which we can make."

"Men and women of labor—friends of labor everywhere—hearken to the nation's call! Participate in the Seventh War Loan Drive by purchasing more bonds than you ever purchased in any previous War Loan Drive. Resolve firmly now to do this and by so doing help our brave fighting forces inflict the final blow upon our enemies on the battlefields."

**Freidin Named  
Public Member  
For War Board**

Washington, D. C. Jesse Freidin, general counsel of the National War Labor Board, was nominated by the late President Roosevelt to be a public member of the WLB, succeeding ex-Chairman William H. Davis, now director of economic stabilization.

**Safety Drives  
Greatly Reduce  
Accident Rate**

Washington, D. C. More than 50,000 job accidents were prevented in slaughter houses and meat packing plants in the last six months of 1944 as a result of the coordinated safety drive sponsored by the U. S. Department of Labor and participated in by labor and management.

Be ever mindful of your obligations—pay your dues before the 15th of each month in order to be eligible for sick benefits; wear your Union button outside of your

**Let's Knock 'Em Out!**

United around Dixie's new production slogan are the army, WMC, labor and management—working together as a "Let's Knock 'Em Out" team. Above, Maj. Gen. Frederick E. Uhl of the 4th Service Command in Atlanta, Ga., talks to overall-clad "Pluggy" Flowers of a railroad union while representatives of the army, navy, WMC, AFL and CIO listen in. (U. S. Signal Corps photo via Federated Pictures)

**Chrysler Chief  
Shown Working  
For Legislation  
Against Strikes**

Washington, D. C. Vice-President B. C. Hutchinson of the Chrysler Corp., and a director of the National Association of Manufacturers, said that the NAM has been working with the U. S. Chamber of Commerce on proposed legislation to outlaw strikes.

Hutchinson said it was because of this endeavor that the NAM had refrained from endorsing the new labor-management charter announced by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the AFL and the CIO.

The NAM director called the charter "ambiguous," and criticized what it called its apparent endorsement of the national labor laws without amendments.

**New Zealanders  
Win Gains For  
Railroad Labor**

Auckland, New Zealand At a recent meeting, officials of the New Zealand Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants reported that definite progress has been achieved by the Railwaysmen in raising their working standards.

Through negotiation demands these notable results have been reached:

Retirement of Railwaysmen who have worked 40 years; overtime payment after 40 hours work in a week; restoration of penal night rates to crossing and bridge keepers (taken away in 1924); wages to female station and store assistants increased to 1/10 per hour for the first 12 months—then 2/ per hour; full travelling time paid for all time occupied travelling on departmental duties.

The new scale in 30 classifications is from \$1.50 to \$3.50 higher per week.

Detroit, Michigan \$150,000 in back pay will be given to 2000 members of Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance Local 705, Detroit, through a labor board decision won by the union. They work in the city's 11 largest hotels. A strike at the Hotel Statler last summer convinced the employers that a raise was overdue.

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Our next regular meeting of the Watsonville Division will be held at the Labor Temple on Monday, May 7 at 8 p.m. Please be in attendance that you will know we have a great deal of business to be transacted. Bring a potential member with you.

To all members employed at the Western Frozen Foods Company: The matter of piece work rates as it may affect you with regard to the apricot season has been referred to the U. S. Conciliation Service of the U. S. Department of Labor. Officials of the Company and the Union will be called to a meeting in the very near future.

For this column. We also need a Shop Steward to replace Kathleen Farrar who was forced to leave Salinas because of illness in her family. Please remember that a fine of \$1.00 is levied against any member in the Salinas area who does not attend at least one quarterly meeting without proper excuse.

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FRUIT & PRODUCE DRIVERS,  
WAREHOUSEMEN AND  
EMPLOYEES UNION**

Main and John Streets  
Salinas, California

To all of our members employed at the Spiegel Foods Company: On March 9, 1945, an application was submitted to the Tenth Regional Board, requesting vacations with pay and a change in rates affecting all .85c classifications to .875c per hour. On March 22 the vacation requested was approved by the Board. By some misunderstanding the Spiegel Foods Company misinterpreted the application to mean that everything in the application was approved including the adjustments in wage rates. The only other approval with the exception of vacations granted by the Board was watchmen who were increased to 85¢ per hour minimum. However, your Union and the Company have appealed this action, requesting reconsideration for those classifications not approved. This appeal will be followed through vigorously and the retroactive date as agreed by the Company will remain March 21, 1945.

ship on our members because of the long hours they worked and the inconvenience in making such long trip. It is most gratifying to report that on May 4 and 5th, the Red Cross Blood Bank unit will make its first visit to Salinas and thereafter will be here for two days every month. This is good news for those who have been unable to go out of town. The Unit will be able to handle 250 appointments per day. It will be necessary that 500 people sign up for the two days of May 4th and 5th. Please make your appointments early by phoning Mrs. E. Sturvert, Salinas 6335. You will be contributing as much as the man at the front line when you donate your blood.

TO ALL MEMBERS EMPLOYED AT THE RAITER CANNING COMPANY: Please be advised that your next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 1, as it was voted on at the last meeting. This means that you will now attend all general meetings instead of meeting as a division. PLEASE BE IN ATTENDANCE. We hope to have news on your application which is now before the 10th Regional War Labor Board.

TO ALL MEMBERS EMPLOYED AT THE SALINAS ICE INDUSTRY: Your Union has not forgotten the arbitration hearing with respect to certain members who have not received their vacations. This matter will be acted upon in the very near future.

Brother Victor Schmick, who was an officer of this Union, writes from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, stating that he enjoys the weekly paper and he wishes everyone "Hello." Let's hope it is soon over, Vic, so that you can come home.

Brother William O. Harp left last week, an addition to the U. S. Army.

Any of our Brothers or Sisters in the armed forces who desire this paper, perhaps one of their kin can advise our office and the paper will be mailed to them wherever they are as a courtesy from this Union.

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**In the Great Spirit of  
Our Late President, Let  
Us Go Forward to Build  
Security for the World**

The common people of America—indeed those of the whole world—counted the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt their friend. His was the outstanding voice in our time championing both collective security for world peace and economic security for the peoples of all nations.

Roosevelt refused to give heed to divisive propaganda designed to split the Allies. He said:

"Peace can be made and kept only by the united determination of free and peace-loving peoples who are willing to work together—willing to help one another—willing to respect and tolerate and try to understand one another's opinions and feelings."

"To do this we must be on our guard not to exploit and exaggerate the differences between us and our allies, particularly with reference to peoples who have been liberated from Fascist tyranny. That is not the way to secure a better settlement of those differences, or to secure international machinery which can rectify mistakes which may be made."

Roosevelt knew, too, that without economic security for the peoples of all nations (access to raw materials, freedom to develop the good life) the peace structure would rest on a foundation of sand. In his famous campaign speech delivered in Chicago last year, he enunciated his "economic bill of rights" which in these times is even more important than the original Bill of Rights covering civil liberties. He said:

"In my message to the Congress on the state of the Union, I outlined an economic bill of rights on which a new basis of security and prosperity can be established for all—regardless of station, race or creed."

"The right of a useful and remunerative job in the industries or shops or farms or mines of the nation;

"The right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation;

"The right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living;

"The right of every businessman, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and domination by monopolies at home or abroad;

"The right of every family to a decent home;

"The right to adequate medical care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health;

"The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident and unemployment;

"The right to a good education.

"All of these rights spell security. And after this war is won we must be prepared to move forward, in the implementation of these rights, to new goals of human happiness and well-being."

Roosevelt also expressed the genuine democratic spirit of our Constitution and Declaration of Independence when he added:

"Our economic bill of rights—like the sacred bill of rights of our Constitution itself—must be applied to all our citizens, irrespective of race, creed or color."

To the submerged peoples of the world, kept in grinding poverty, victims of racial exclusiveness, this is a message of hope, and it is easy to understand why black, brown, red and yellow men, as well as white, mourned the passing of this great man. Roosevelt, with Lincoln, believed that "God must have loved the common people because he made so many of them."

**Labor Fights On  
For Adoption of  
Health Insurance**

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

In the course of one of the most intensive periods of the State Legislature, and despite the setback resulting from political maneuvering by the opponents of health insurance, the Federation has hopes that the health insurance bill is not dead, and that with Governor Warren's insistence on the enactment of some prepaid medical health plan, there is still a possibility of getting such a measure adopted if labor will continue exerting its full pressure on the legislators.

Strenuous efforts were made by the addition of amendments which failed to remove labor's objections to the measure. It gives an employer the right to discharge any worker who, in his opinion, seeks to overthrow the government by force and violence.

THE "DEMILLE" BILL

The so-called "subversive bill," A.B. 1953 (Davis and Call), the infamous DeMille bill, went out of the Assembly Committee on Industrial Relations without recommendation and with only two members of the committee voting against the action. The dissenters were Gaffney and Hawkins. This anti-labor measure would prohibit unions from levying any assessment for political purposes, without restricting the right of any employer's organization to finance campaigns inimical to the rights of labor.

Before the bill was voted out, a motion to table lost by the close margin of 8 to 7. Committee members voting to table were: Delcker, Fletcher, Gaffney, Hawkins, Hollingshead, Rosenthal, and Lyons.

AGAINST: Butters, Davis, Gannon, Geddes, Guthrie, Stephenson, Stewart, and Thompson. The bill failed to receive favorable recommendation in the Assembly Judiciary Committee and was finally yanked out of the committee, and Thompson.



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## OUR OBSOLETE STATE SENATE

If the home farmers and the people in the parts of the state outside the industrial centers wish to be well represented in the legislature, they will have to change the plan now in force by which there is a senator from each county (excepting, of course, a few scarcely-populated counties.) As an example, Kings and Tulare have one assemblyman and two senators.

The senators from the small population counties are nearly all "conservatives" and usually have plenty of campaign funds. Senators from the large population counties are mostly "liberal."

This political situation is closely paralleled in the Federal government, excepting, of course, the poll tax states.

*It doesn't cost as much to elect a senator from a state with a small population as in a state with a large population.*

An enlightening note comes from South Dakota in which Senator Bushfield, the noisy reactionary, was recently elected. The treasurer of the Republican Party filed a sworn statement of campaign contributions. They included among other generous contributions, the following:

Lammott Dupont, \$4,000; Irenée Dupont, \$2,500; Alfred Sloan, \$2,500; Donald Brown (Dupont), \$2,000; Ailsa Mellon, \$5,000; Sarah Mellon Scaife, \$4,000; Colonel McCormick of the Chicago Tribune, \$5,000; Mary Ethel Pew, \$1,000; Earle Halliburton (Pew), \$5,000; Joseph Pew, \$1,000; Mabel Pew Myrin, \$1,000.

If labor organizations raise a few dollars to back progressive candidates, the press raises a terrible cry and calls it "communism." It sometimes looks as if our democracy were somewhat diluted!

## LEST WE SHOULD FORGET

Recently a lot of progressive congressmen, with almost 100 per cent records for labor—men like Jerry Voorhis and George P. Miller from California—were "put on the spot" in voting on the bill for mobilization of civilian manpower (labor draft). Attempts were made by these men repeatedly to amend the measure more in line with American traditions of freedom, but all amendments failed. Reports from the fighting fronts indicated that the soldiers wanted total war at home as much as they themselves were engaged in total war on the battlefields. Men like Voorhis and Miller had to make a difficult choice. They finally voted for the measure in order to bolster morale at the front—at the same time protesting against certain provisions in the bill and asking that the profit be taken out of war industries before using compulsion on workers.

*Labor should not desert its staunch friends on Capitol Hill because some of them, like Voorhis and Miller, felt they had to make the choice they did.*

## THE ORDEAL OF CHINA

Samuel Lubell, a Saturday Evening Post writer, recently returned from China and paints a woeful picture of the Chinese army. Among other enlightening things, he says:

"Recruits are grabbed up from among the most ignorant and helpless... Roped together, conscripts are tramped hundreds of miles with no system of care along the route. An authoritative estimate given me was that two out of three conscripts are lost on the way through death, disease, starvation or desertion... Those who arrive are in appalling condition... ninety percent of those who arrive have scabies."

"When Donald Nelson set up China's new War Production Board, he found the interest rate at government banks was 60 per cent a year."

When you point out things like this, as we have often done in these columns, right away some one writes in to denounce us for "smearing" the Chinese and belittling that country's heroic war effort. The fact of the matter is that the principal reason for China's terrible ordeal in this struggle is that her ruling classes have persisted in maintaining a system of dictatorship and exploitation of the common people. It can be changed and should have been changed long ago. Until it is changed and the great latent talent of the Chinese people is released in a mighty democratic upsurge, China will not rank as one of the "great powers"—no matter what the "statesmen" pretend.

## SPOTLIGHT ON JESSE

Perhaps one of the reasons the late President Roosevelt decided to part company with Jesse Jones was that Jones would not permit the news of exports to foreign countries to be published. For instance, Jones permitted Sweden to buy in 1944 (last year) two hundred million cigarettes—three times as many as it ever bought before from us in any year. *No doubt the German fascists smoked plenty of our cigarettes!*

## THE EGREGIOUS EGO

As Bernard Shaw once pointed out, with too many people patriotism is the belief that their country is the greatest in the world because they were born in it!

Tempus Fugits  
And Still No  
Plan for Jobs

Washington, D. C.—"Everybody talks about the weather," said Mark Twain, "but nobody does anything about it."

A "frightening" disaster is going to hit Congress and the government agencies like a landslide if they continue to talk instead of act, according to a book written by Leo Cherne, executive secretary of the Research Institute of America.

## DISTURBING FIGURES

About 17,000,000 soldiers, sailors and war workers will have to "find new jobs" when the war ends, according to figures cited by Cherne from authoritative studies.

He points out that the best this horde of job-seekers can hope for, unless something drastic is done, is to find economic conditions no worse than they were in 1940. In that comparatively good year, a total of 46,000,000 were employed. **WORSE THAN THE WORST!**

There will be 19,000,000 jobless, as compared with the 13,000,000 at the very lowest point in the 1930's depression, the worst ever known.

That shocking prospect should stir Washington to action. One practical measure, Cherne declares, would be the 30-hour work week, which would make full employment possible. He says, however, that "America will not reach 30 hours a week without having gone through another depression."

That conclusion is supported by experience during the last depression. Organized labor proposed a 30-hour week and Senator Hugo L. Black, now a Supreme Court justice, put a 30-hour bill through the Senate.



"Well, Luther," announced Mr. Dilworth beaming, "the store has just brought you a brand new baby sister."

Little Luther smiled at his father indulgently.

"Yes, Pop," he said. He was too happy to get into an argument with his father about stores right then. Later, maybe.

"Now, let's see, Luther. What shall we call her—something with a special meaning to it, something with personality..."

"Hedy, Lauz, Marlene," suggested Luther.

"No," said Mr. Dilworth, scandalized. "She's too young for that."

"Well, how about naming her after a great woman, like Eleanor..."

"No!" said Mr. Dilworth quickly. "Well, maybe a great man, only a little different, like Franklin..."

"No, No!" shouted Mr. Dilworth.

"How about something geographical, Pop? Like Yalta or Bretton, and we can call her Brettie for short?"

Mr. Dilworth glowered.

"There's San Francisco," said Little Luther hopefully. "We could just call her Fanny around the house."

Mr. Dilworth glowered again. "I got it, Pop!" Little Luther cried joyfully. "Victoria—for victory, see?"

Mr. Dilworth slowly shook his head. "I have decided," he said. "We will call her Mary."

"Aw, Pop," said Little Luther, despairing. "You ain't got no imagination."

"I'm not taking any chances, Luther," Mr. Dilworth said, looking at his rebellious son. "I've got to have one child I can call my own."

AIR PILOTS SEEK  
INCREASE IN PAY  
ON STRATOLINERS

Kansas City, Mo.

A demand of pilots of the Transcontinental & Western Air Inc. for a wage increase when the coast-to-coast stratospheric flights are put into service is being arbitrated before the National Mediation Board here. The pilots are members of the International Airline Pilots Association.

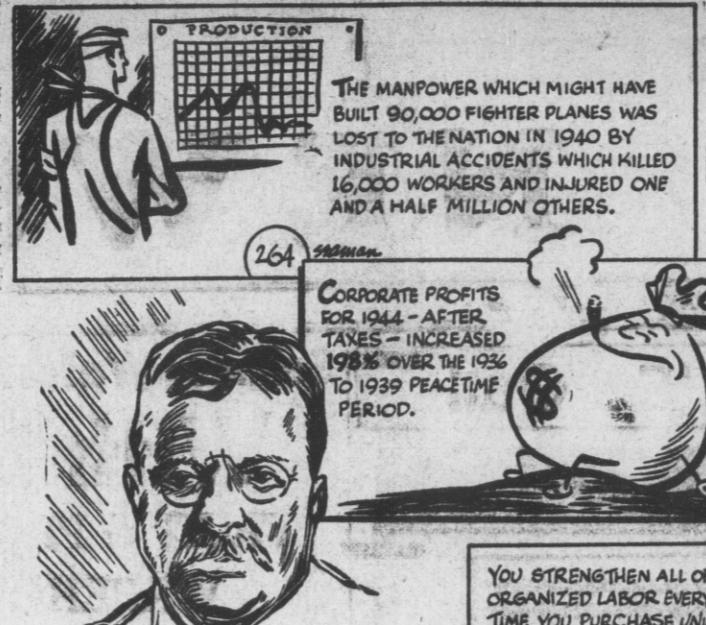
## Bretton Woods

Is it too much of a risk to invest \$2.75 billion in a fund to stabilize world currency, as some bankers claim? Let's see what happened in the years when the bankers' crazy quilt brand of economics was the accepted thing.

As of December 31, 1939, the last year of approximately normal business, the world had defaulted on over \$8 billion of our bonds. That total loss is almost \$600 million greater than the amount the U. S. would have to put in a stabilization fund which would make such defaulting impossible.

You don't have to be a banker to figure out the moral.

## THE MARCH OF LABOR



THE MANPOWER WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN BUILT 90,000 FIGHTER PLANES WAS LOST TO THE NATION IN 1940 BY INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS WHICH KILLED 16,000 WORKERS AND INJURED ONE AND A HALF MILLION OTHERS.

264  
CORPORATE PROFITS  
FOR 1944—AFTER  
TAXES—INCREASED  
198% OVER THE 1936  
TO 1939 PEACETIME  
PERIOD.

YOU STRENGTHEN ALL OF  
ORGANIZED LABOR EVERY  
TIME YOU PURCHASE UNION  
LABEL GOODS. LOOK FOR  
THIS UNION LABEL UNDER  
THE SWATBAND OF THE  
NEXT HAT YOU BUY.



REMEMBER...  
BUY U.S. WAR BONDS  
TODAY—FOR TOMORROW!



I SPEAK FOR JOE DOAKES. By Roy F. Bergengren. Published by Harper Brothers, New York City. List price \$2.

The story of consumers cooperatives and their development in this country would be incomplete without a good book on the development of Credit Unions, those mutual loan associations which have helped so much in enabling people to get needed cash without being financially hobbled by exorbitant rates of interest. Roy Bergengren has written such a book.

Mr. Bergengren has worked in the cooperative movement for a quarter of a century, primarily in the field of cooperative financing ventures. He was assistant to Edward A. Filene, the Boston storekeeper who founded credit unions in this country and sponsored the move to enact State and national legislation in their behalf. He has travelled throughout the world, studying consumer cooperatives and their methods in the countries where they have made greatest progress. He knows his subject from A to Z and he knows well the type of person, the common man, who tends to gain most from the perfecting of cooperative financial enterprises.

Much of the space of the book is given to a study of fundamental facts and figures regarding the subject of cooperatives in general. Sweden and Nova Scotia and the success the "coops" have had in those countries naturally fit in this book as they have in so many other books on the general subject. Most interesting, however, are the examples he cites in this country of successful credit unions in action.

A prime example is that of a credit union established by a group of textile sharcroppers in North Carolina in 1939. Today this particular credit union has assets of over \$20,000, and hundreds of members who, free from the curse of usury, have built new homes, modernized their farms, introduced registered stock, established a successful cooperative store, subscribed to group hospitalization, opened a library, and financed a \$22,000 cooperative farm. The book contains a spirited appeal for common men everywhere to learn that through mutual cooperation and self-help they can solve their most pressing economic problems. This does not mean the overthrowing of our capitalistic way of living. Indeed Mr. Bergengren feels that cooperation is an

Washington, D. C.

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RODNEY FISHER.

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War Advocated

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Tommy grinned.

"Oh," he replied, "I guess there'll be other little Marys."

TO BE CONTINUED

"How do you like my new dress, dear?" I bought it on the installment plan."

"Better take it back and get a few more installments."

KING SIZE

"And what is the baby's name?" asked the chaplain softly.

The sailor smiled proudly as he held the little fellow up on his arm.

"Chancery William Robert Montgomery Sterling."

Up shot the chaplain's eyebrows as he turned to his assistant, "More water, please."

ONE WAY TO DO IT

A postcard from an officer in the Mediterranean war zone to his son in college: "I am now standing on the cliff from which the Spartan parents threw their defective children. Wish you were here."

Mistaken Identity

A group of German civilians, who were taken by the Americans on a tour of a Hitler concentration camp, couldn't believe the horrible sights they saw there.

Apparently they thought Goebels had gone over to work for the Allies.

Bretton Woods

Our share of the Bretton Woods world stabilization fund—\$2.75 billion—is exactly the amount we spend every 10 days to keep the war going.

We've been willing to spend more than \$300 billion to win the war. Are we going to make that war, and the millions of lives it cost to win it, a futile gesture because we're afraid to invest an infinitely smaller sum in a proposal that would help safeguard the peace—not for 10 days, but for generations to come?

—ERNEST CROSBY.

GIGGLES  
AND  
GROANS

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

A San Francisco army captain, in charge of an army warehouse in Paris, reports his most recent headache. It appears that a carload of brassieres had been sent for WACs on the front and several hundred cases were missing. The captain eventually found them after weeks of tracing—they were in the warehouse's crockery department. When the tough sergeant who was responsible for misdirecting them was asked for an explanation, he barked:

"How the hell could I know they were brassy-ears—look at the way they're labeled." He pointed to the stencilings on each case which read:

"Cups 1-2-3-4."

WELL-GROOMED

Private Sam Jones was enjoying a brief furlough in Paris, and announced that he was a "pilot" in the cavalry. When asked "How come?" he replied:

"Well, you see, I pile it here and pile it there."

PROFITS—UNLIMITED

But the big industrialists, meat packers, clothing and furniture manufacturers, retail store owners and landlords, who piled up the biggest profits in history during the war, don't want any price ceilings to limit their profits in the post-war boom. Inside sources reveal that their lobbies in Washington are organized on a larger scale than ever before to prevent renewal of the act or to force through amendments limiting OPA control



## Why the Biggest Job in town carries no pay!

**W**HAT is the biggest job in your town—  
in anybody's town, between May 14th and  
June 30th?

It's that of the man or woman who will ask  
you to buy extra War Bonds in the 7th War Loan.

It carries no pay because the people who are  
doing this work are good Americans. In addition  
to buying extra Bonds themselves, they're willing  
to give their time to a job that's as important  
as anything outside the battle lines.

It's important—and it's big. Making our  
quotas in the 7th War Loan is a man-sized job  
for everybody.

Uncle Sam needs 7 billion dollars from individual  
Americans in the 7th! That's a bigger

quota than ever before. It's bigger because this  
is really 2 loans in 1—last year, by this time, we  
had bought Bonds in 2 loans instead of one.

And it's bigger because the need is bigger.  
We're building up a whole new air force, with  
new jet-propelled planes and even bigger bombers.  
We're building more tanks, mortars, and everything  
for the increasingly bitter struggle with Japan. And we're paying the mounting cost of  
victory—taking care of wounded men who are  
arriving in this country by thousandseverymonth.

So—be ready when one of these War Bond  
workers comes to you. Open your door, your  
heart, your purse—for the 7th War Loan.

Help America to make its quota—by making  
yours!

FIND YOUR QUOTA . . . AND MAKE IT!		
If your average wage per month is:	Your personal War Bond quota is: (cash value)	Maturity value of 7th WAR LOAN bonds bought
\$250	\$187.50	\$250
225-250	150.00	200
210-225	131.25	175
200-210	112.50	150
180-200	93.75	125
140-180	75.00	100
100-140	37.50	50
Under \$100	18.75	25



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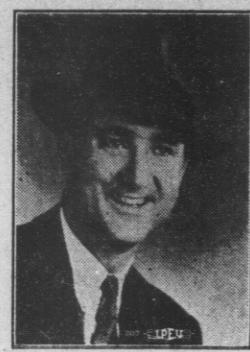
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**YOUR  
CONGRESSMAN  
REPORTS**

By GEORGE E. OUTLAND

By ESTES KEFAUVER

**The War Front**

The last big synthetic oil plant active in Germany has been blasted out by American and British planes. . . . Jap civilians are to be formed into a volunteer corps patterned after the volksstrasse in Germany. . . . General Eisenhower in a recent broadcast warned the Germans that Germany is threatened with famine and urged the farmers in Western Germany to remain on their farms at all costs to prevent a catastrophe. . . . The super-highway to Kassel, built to facilitate German maneuvers, is a boon to the Allies. . . . A German general captured on the Western Front predicted that Hitler would try to lead a final suicide charge in which he would die in order to be remembered by the people. . . . In the path of the advancing Allies, the Germans on the Western Front are distributing pamphlets teaching the art of sabotage, directed particularly to the members of the Hitler Youth Movement. . . . The airfield on Okinawa, when converted to American use, will bring Japan's sea lanes to China and her war factories at Shanghai within medium bombing range.

**The Home Front**

A cutback in the output of small arms ammunition has been ordered by Government officials. . . . The State Department has warned that "the Nazi regime in Germany has developed well-arranged post-war plans for the perpetuation of Nazi doctrines and domination" through infiltration in other countries and propaganda measures. Photostatic blueprints of this Nazi master plan are now in the hands of the U. S. Government. . . . 185 war correspondents have been awarded Asiatic Pacific campaign ribbons by General MacArthur. . . . By 1948, it is estimated that war veterans and their immediate families will make up more than half the total U. S. population. Production of military boots and shoes is running at 47,000,000 pairs a year. These are said to require as much leather as 136,000,000 pairs of civilian shoes. . . . In the post-war years, information on water supply will be a controlling factor in location of new factories. . . . War Shipping Administration has converted 17 Liberty Ships into mule carriers to supply mountain warfare in Europe. Mules can carry the war to many points far beyond the reach of the best mechanized equipment.

**Priority on Discharge**

After victory in Europe, great interest will be manifested in getting the boys back home. The War Department has worked out a plan that is expected to meet the test of justice and impartiality. Servicemen interviewed about the plan, 90 per cent of them say that it is as it should be. It is known as "Adjusted Service Rating Card" plan. A card will be issued to all enlisted personnel after the defeat of Germany. On the card will be scored the following four factors that will determine priority of separation:

1. Service Credit—based upon the total number of months of Army Service since September 16, 1940.

2. Overseas Credit—based upon the number of months served overseas.

3. Combat Credit—based upon the individual of the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Purple Heart, and Bronze Service Stars (battle participation stars).

4. Parenthood Credit—which gives credit for each dependent child under 18 years up to a limit of three children.

The value of the point credits will be announced after the cessation of hostilities in Europe. In the meantime, the point values will be kept under continuous study. The total score will be used to select surplus men from the theaters overseas and in the United States. The score also will be used when a certain portion of all these surplus men will be declared non-essential and returned to civilian life.

In all cases, however, the demands of military necessity and the needs of the war against Japan must first be met. Regardless of a man's priority standing, certain types of personnel can never become surplus as long as the war against Japan continues.

**MINUTES****Bldg. Trades Council**

Meeting called to order by President Wm. J. Dickerson, 8 p.m. Roll call showed nine local unions represented.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

All bills were ordered paid.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Received a letter from the California State Federation of Labor, giving a report on Assembly Bill No. A.B. 1953, A.B. 2096 and Senate Bill 829, showing how they would be detrimental to Labor in many ways. (The secretary was instructed to protest these bills.)

Received a printed sheet of questions and answers on why Labor should support the Free Trade Union Fund, from the Labor League for Human Rights; also an appeal from President Wm. Green.

Received weekly News Letters from the State Federation of Labor.

Received two News Letters from the Northern California Union Health Committee.

A printed sheet from the Office of Price Administration asking full-cooperation with price control and rationing.

Received a copy of minutes from the B. & C. T. C. of Santa Clara County and the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council. Filed.

Received two letters from the State B. & C. T. C., giving a report on legislation that will affect Labor in California.

Received a letter from the Plumbers Local Union No. 503 of Salinas stating they were resigning from the B. & C. T. C. of Monterey County.

It was moved and seconded that a copy of the letter be sent to Plumbers International. (Carried.)

**BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

Brother Long reports the progress of work for the past two weeks. The fish canneries are all doing a major remodeling job, they are all working overtime due to the shortage of carpenters. The plants must be ready for operation before the fall season starts. There are several new homes being built besides the repair that is being made, some of the jobs are NON-UNION and the work card should be demanded before you start work on these jobs. We have calls for help on most of the work.

The report was received.

**REPORTS OF UNIONS**

Brother C. Verbest, Truck Drivers L.U. No. 287, good meeting; 3 new members here and 15 at San Jose.

Brother Alsop, Sheet Metal Workers No. 304, good meeting though not a large attendance due to many working overtime.

Brother Webster, Carpenters No. 1323, good meeting; considerable discussion about the problem of collecting compensation for injuries; they have two brothers now with their claims before the commission.

Brother Decker, Hod Carriers & Laborers L.U. No. 690; good meeting.

Brother Fales, Electric Workers No. 1072; good meeting. They are working to have an electric ordinance adopted by the Peninsula Cities that is a standard ordinance throughout the state.

Brother O'Neill, Plumbers No. 62; routine business.

Brother McGinley, Hod Carriers & Laborers No. 272. They are working hard to establish a workable committee in Salinas for the B. & C. T. C. and feel that they should have better co-operation from the craft unions.

Brother Walker, Roofers No. 50, special meeting with the employers on their agreement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

What is essential to the war effort was asked, but no definite ruling was set. The Council recommends that no overtime be worked except that it is shown to be urgent and the business agent be notified.

Brother Walker read a jurisdiction award on the installation of CORK and asked that a copy be sent to the Salinas Office of the B. & C. T. C. of M. Co. The request to be complied with.

The apprenticeship training program as outlined by the State Apprenticeship Council was discussed.

The Council recommends that each Local Union appoint a committee of one to act on the general committee for apprentice training in the Monterey area.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The organization committee for establishing an office in Salinas was discussed. They were granted further time to work out a program of organization.

**GOOD OF THE COUNCIL**

Several things of interest were discussed which the delegates were instructed to take back to their local union for the protection of craft unionism.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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**Missouri Solons Kill  
Union Registrations**

Jefferson City, Mo.

The Missouri senate labor committee killed a bill which would require registration of unions, licensing of union representatives and publication of annual financial statements by unions.

**Mantle Clubs****Carry on Old  
Race-Baiting  
Of Ku Kluxers**

New York City

The Ku Klux Klan and the Christian Front organizations which officially disbanded a year ago are not dead. Their members are continuing to operate through an organization called the Mantle Club, which is openly based on the fascist leadership principle and has been spreading anti-union and anti-Negro propaganda in war centers throughout the U. S.

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Mullen checked various war centers around the country and found that in each instance where there had been a flood of anti-Negro and anti-Jewish leaflets, the Mantle Club had dug down its roots and was flourishing.

**ECONOMY DRUG CO.****Salinas - Watsonville  
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with regard to this matter. In the meantime keep in close contact with the Business Representative and your Shop Stewards.

This will serve as an official notice to attend our next meeting which will be held at the Watsonville labor temple on Monday, May 7 at 8 p.m. We hope to see all of you in attendance. New members will be initiated and given their dues books on that night. Also a Shop Stewardess will be appointed to take care of the women.

Ross Smith at Pajaro Valley Ice and John Scali at National Ice Company are doing a fine job.

**FLYNN GETS RIFLE**

Tom Flynn of the Calif. Veg. was awarded the prize on April 10, the prize being a rifle and ammunition.

**WORD OF APPRECIATION**

We wish to express our appreciation to Lester Rogers, personnel manager at Spiegel Foods, for accepting the additional burden of signing up people for unemployment insurance. This will entail additional work for that department, and we certainly appreciate the service given.

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**This Union Man****Strings 'Em Up  
On Firing Line**

Paris, France

A strong union man is stringing 'em up for the U. S. army as it advances deeper into the land where the Nazis run wild. He is Pfc. Otto Wollan, former Seattle shipbuilder and member of the International Brotherhood of Boiler-makers.

His unusual job is that of field limner in the infantry. He and his buddies erect the forward communications, stringing the wires right along with the advance of the doughboys. Sometimes the wire-stringing and the shooting get a little mixed up. Then Wollan doubles in steel, serving as a rifleman until things have quieted down so he can go back to erect those farthest forward telephone lines again.

Wollan, 29, comes from Minnesota originally. He is headed for a job with union protection and membership when the Nazis and Japanese fascists are all strung up.

The Council stood for a moment in silent tribute to President Roosevelt. We are all mindful of the great work he did for organized labor and for the good of humanity as a whole.

It was moved, seconded and passed to write to our representatives in the Legislature protesting against S.B. 1083, which would exclude seasonal workers from unemployment benefits. Affiliated Locals are asked to take similar action.

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**Milk Wagon Drivers Pay \$250 to Family Of Soldier Casualty**

Toledo, Ohio  
AFL milk wagon drivers here are paying a maximum of \$250 to families of union members who die in military service.

A resolution providing for benefit payments in such cases to families of servicemen beginning after one year of union membership was adopted unanimously by Local 753, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, at the recommendation of the union's executive board. The maximum is paid to families of union members who belonged to the organization for three or more years.

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